

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An image recording method, comprising:

loading identification information of a value or a binary information preliminary added to a subject and subject information used by a photographer to confirm an identity of the subject, in a digital camera before photographing the subject;

displaying, on a basis of the subject information, subject information used by the photographer to confirm the identity of the subject on a display device of the digital camera before photographing the subject;

photographing the subject using the digital camera after confirming the identity of the subject on the basis of the subject information displayed on the display device; and

recording a photographed medical image of the subject in connection with the loaded identification information,

wherein the photographed medical image recorded in connection with the loaded identification information is saved to a database,

wherein the identification information loading comprises:

reading ~~the~~ subject identification information from a recording medium having the subject identification information recorded thereon;

reading the subject information corresponding to the read subject identification information from the recording medium, from a database having the subject information already stored in connection with the subject identification information; and

transmitting the subject information read from the database, to the digital camera together with the identification information read from the recording medium,

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wherein the subject information comprises an image of a face from the subject's image and name, and

wherein the recording records the identification information loaded in the information loading, in a header part of an image file in which the photographed medical image of the subject is recorded

wherein, while the subject identification information and the subject information are being transmitted to the digital camera, the digital camera is inhibited from photographing the subject.

2. (Canceled)

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7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The image recording method according to claim 1, wherein:
reading the identification information reads plural pieces of identification information
so that these pieces can be accumulated; and
the transmitting transmits the identification information and the subject information in
response to an information obtainment request from the digital camera.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Previously Presented) The image recording method according to claim 1, wherein:
the information loading loads recorded image information containing at least one of
image format, the number of pixels, compression rate, file size, and image aspect ratio; and
the digital camera records the photographed medical image on a basis of the loaded
recorded image information.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)
15. (Currently Amended) An image recording apparatus, comprising:

an input device which reads identification information of a value or a binary information preliminary added to a subject from a recording medium having the information recorded thereon;

an information transmitting device which reads subject information corresponding to the read identification information, from a database having the subject information already stored in connection with the ~~a~~ subject identification information and transmits the subject information read from the database, together with the identification information read from the recording medium, wherein said subject information comprises information of an image of a face from the subject's image and a name of the subject;

a receiving device which receives the identification information and the subject information;

a display device which displays the subject information on the basis of the received subject information before photographing the subject;

a photographing device which photographs the subject; and

a recording device which records a photographed medical image of the subject in connection with the received identification information,

wherein the recording device records the identification information in a header part of an image file in which the photographed medical image of the subject is recorded, and wherein, when the information transmitting device transmits subject identification information and the subject information, the photographing device is inhibited from photographing the subject.

16. (Previously Presented) The image recording apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the recording medium comprises one of a card, a magnetic card, and an IC card including a bar code recorded thereon, and the input device comprises a card reader.

17. (Previously Presented) The image recording apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising a communication device which transmits the image recorded in connection with the identification information, to the database.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) An image recording apparatus, comprising:

an input device which reads an identification information of a value or a binary information preliminary added to a subject and subject information from a recording medium having the identification information and the subject information recorded thereon, wherein said subject information comprises information of an image of a face from the subject's image and a name of the subject;

a display device which displays the subject information on the basis of the read subject information before photographing the subject;

a photographing device which photographs the subject; and

a recording device which records a photographed medical image of the subject in connection with the read identification information,

wherein the recording device records the identification information in a header part of

an image file in which the photographed medical image of the subject is recorded, and

~~wherein, while the identification information and the subject information are being read by the input device, the photographing device is inhibited from photographing the subject.~~

20. (Previously Presented) The image recording apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the recording medium comprises one of a card, a magnetic card, and an IC card including a bar code recorded thereon, and the input device comprises a card reader.

21. (Previously Presented) The image recording apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising a communication device which transmits the medical image recorded in connection with the identification information, to the database.

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38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) The image recording method according to claim 1, wherein said information loading comprises ~~at least one of loading said identification information in the digital camera using radio communication and loading said identification information from a recording medium.~~

40. (Previously Presented) The image recording method according to claim 1, wherein said information loading automatically loads the identification information on the subject and the subject information used by the photographer to confirm the subject, in the digital camera before photographing the subject.

41. (Canceled)

42. (Previously Presented) The image recording method according to claim 1, wherein the recording further comprises transmitting the recorded photographed medical image, together with the identification information in the header part of the image file, to a data base and an image display device by a radio from the digital camera, after said confirming the identity of the subject, and after said photographing the subject.